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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GENETIC SEQUENCES, DIAGNOSTIC AND/OR QUANTIFICATION METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF STAPHYLOCOCCI STRAINS; the specification of which was internationally filed on September 28, 1998, as International Application No. PCT/BE98/00141, and for which the initial documents for entry into the U.S. National Phase were filed on March 17, 2000, and assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/509,234.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATIONPriority
Claimed

No.: 97870146.4 Country: Europe Date Filed: September 26, 1997 Yes

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Int'l. App. No. : PCT/BE98/00141)
U.S. Serial No.: 09/509,234)
Int'l. Filed : September 28, 1998)
For : GENETIC SEQUENCES,)
DIAGNOSTIC AND/OR)
QUANTIFICATION METHODS AND)
DEVICES FOR THE)
IDENTIFICATION OF)
STAPHYLOCOCCI STRAINS)
Examiner : Unknown)

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIGHT OF ASSIGNEE TO TAKE ACTION
AND
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee").
A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s)
to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this
invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon
information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with
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The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949) 760-0404, **Customer No. 20,995**, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Pascal Vannuffel, a Belgium citizen, residing at rue de la Basse Egypte 138, B-7133 Buvrinnes, BELGIUM, and Jean-Luc Gala, a Belgium citizen, residing at rue Grand Chemin Communal 6, B-5380 Fernelmont, BELGIUM, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a GENETIC SEQUENCES, DIAGNOSTIC AND/OR QUANTIFICATION METHODS AND DEVICES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF STAPHYLOCOCCI STRAINS for which we have filed the U.S. National Phase of International Application No. PCT/BE98/00141 on September 28, 1998, and which has been assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/509,234.

AND WHEREAS, UNIVERSITE CATHOLIQUE DE LOUVAIN (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), with its principal place of business at Halles Universitaires, Place de l'Université 1, B-1348 Louvain-La-Neuve, BELGIUM, and MINISTERE DE LA DEFENSE NATIONALE (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), with its principal place of business at Etat Major Général, JSM - R&T, Rue d'Evcre 1, B-1140 Bruxelles, BELGIUM, desire to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

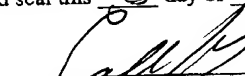
AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day of August, 2000


Pascal Vannuffel

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 29 day of August, 2000


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